Engineering Interpretations

Building Site Development

Soil properties influence development of building sites, including the selection of the site, the design of the structure, construction, post construction performance, and maintenance. Soil limitation ratings of slight, moderate, and severe are given for shallow excavations, dwellings with and without basements, small commercial buildings, local roads and streets, and lawns, landscaping, and golf fairways.

Shallow Excavations

Shallow excavations are trenches or holes dug in the soil to a maximum depth of 5 or 6 feet. They are used for pipelines, sewer lines, telephone and power transmission lines, basements, open ditches, and cemeteries. The ratings are based on the soil properties that influence ease of digging and resistance to sloughing.

Dwellings With or Without Basements

These are single-family houses of three stories or less. The foundation is assumed to be spread footings of reinforced concrete built on undisturbed soil at a depth of 2 feet or the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper, for houses without basements, or at a depth of 7 feet if a basement is constructed. The ratings are based on properties affecting soil strength and settlement under a load, and those that affect excavation and construction costs.

Small Commercial Buildings

Limitation ratings are given for the undisturbed soil on which small commercial buildings of less than three stories without basements are built. The foundation is assumed to be placed on spread footings of reinforced concrete at a depth of 2 feet or the depth of maximum frost penetration, whichever is deeper.

Local Roads and Streets

Limitation ratings are given for the use of soils for construction of improved local roads and streets that have all-weather surfacing, commonly of asphalt, gravel with binder in it, or concrete, and that are expected to carry automobile traffic all year. These roads and streets are graded to shed water, and conventional drainage measures are provided. With the probable exception of the hard surface, roads and streets are built mainly from the soil at hand.

Lawns, Landscaping, and Golf Fairways

The soils are rated for their use in establishing and maintaining turf for lawns and golf fairways and ornamental trees and shrubs for residential type landscaping. The ratings are based on the use of soil material at the location with some land smoothing. Irrigation may or may not be needed and is not a criterion in rating. Traps, trees, roughs, and greens are not considered as part of the golf fairway. The properties considered are those listed that affect plant growth and trafficability after vegetation is established.

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Map symbol and soil name	 Dwellings without basements 		Dwellings with basements		Small commercial buildings		Local roads and streets		Lawns and landscaping	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
14D: Knobby	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)		 Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.54	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited)	 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.54	 Very limited ~shallow to bedrock (very limited) ~droughty (very limited)	1.00
Rock outcrop	<pre> ~slope (moderately limited) Not rated</pre>	0.45	~slope (moderately limited) Not rated	0.45 	<pre> ~large stones (moderately limited) Not rated</pre>	0.54 	<pre> ~slope (slightly limited) Not rated</pre>	0.04 	~large stones >30% (very limited) Not rated	1.00
14F: Knobby	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.33	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.33	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.33	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shallow to bedrock (very limited) ~droughty (very limited)	1.00
Rock outcrop	Not rated		 Not rated 		Not rated	 	Not rated		 Not rated 	
Brussels	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.45	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones >30% (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.60
Rock outcrop	Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated	

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18D: Gasconade	<pre> ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~slope (moderately limited)</pre>	1.00 1.00 0.45 1.00 0.51 0.47	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~slope (moderately limited) Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 0.45 	Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (moderately limited)	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~chrink-swell (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (moderately limited)	1.00 1.00 0.45 1.00 1.00 0.47	Very limited ~shallow to bedrock (very limited) ~droughty (very limited) ~large stones >30% (very limited) Moderately limited ~droughty (moderately limited) ~depth to bedrock (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.35
Rock outcrop	 Not rated	 	 Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated	
18F: Gasconade Gatewood	Very limited ~hard bedrock <20" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~slope (very limited) (very	 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited -hard bedrock <20" (very limited) -slope (very limited) -large stones (very limited) Very limited -slope (very limited) -shrink-swell (very limited) -depth to bedrock (moderately limited)	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.039	Very limited	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~large stones >30% (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~shallow to bedrock (very limited) Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (limited) ~large stones (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.78 0.60
Rock outcrop	Not rated	İ	Not rated	İ	Not rated	İ	Not rated	İ	Not rated	İ

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value
24C:										
Ocie	Very limited ~shrink-swell	 1.00	Very limited ~wetness	 1.00	Very limited ~shrink-swell	 1.00	Very limited ~low strength	 1.00	Limited ~small stones	 0.82
	(very limited)	į	(very limited)	Ĺ	(very limited)	ĺ	(very limited)	İ	(limited)	ĺ
	<pre>~wetness (moderately limited)</pre>	0.51	~shrink-swell (limited)	0.88	~slope (limited)	0.68	~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00	<pre> ~wetness (slightly limited)</pre>	0.13
	(moderatery finited)		(11m1ted) ~depth to bedrock	 0.56	(IIMIted) ~wetness	0.13		0.13	(Slightly limited)	
	İ	İ	(moderately limited)		(slightly limited)		(slightly limited)			İ
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Gatewood	very limited ~shrink-swell	 1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40"	 1.00	Very limited ~shrink-swell	11.00	Very limited ~low strength	11.00	Limited ~small stones	10.78
	(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)		(limited)	
	~wetness	0.51	~wetness	1.00	~slope	0.68	~shrink-swell	1.00	~large stones	0.60
	(moderately limited) ~depth to bedrock	 0.36	(very limited) ~shrink-swell	 1.00	(limited) ~depth to bedrock	 0.36	(very limited) ~depth to bedrock	 0.36	<pre> (moderately limited) ~droughty</pre>	0.23
	(moderately limited)		(very limited)	1.00	(moderately limited)	0.30	(moderately limited)	0.30	(slightly limited)	0.23
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24E: Gatewood	Not Dated		 Very limited		 Very limited		 Very limited		 Very limited	
Gatewood	Not Rated		very limited ~hard bedrock <40"	l 1.00	very limited ~slope	11.00	very rimited ~slope	1	very rimited ~slope	11.00
			(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)	
	~slope	1.00	~wetness	1.00		0.36		0.36	~droughty	0.76
	(very limited) ~wetness	 0.51	(very limited) ~slope	 1.00	(moderately limited) ~wetness	0.13	(moderately limited) ~wetness	 0.13	(limited) ~large stones	0.30
	(moderately limited)		(very limited)	1.00	(slightly limited)	0.13	(slightly limited)		(moderately limited)	
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Ocie	Very limited ~shrink-swell	 1.00	Very limited ~slope	 1 00	Very limited ~slope	11 00	Very limited ~low strength	1.00	Very limited ~slope	11.00
	(very limited)	1.00	(very limited)	1.00	(very limited)	11.00	(very limited)	11.00	(very limited)	1
	~slope	1.00	~wetness	1.00	~shrink-swell	1.00	~shrink-swell	1.00	~small stones	0.69
	(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)		(very limited)		(limited)	
	<pre>~wetness (moderately limited)</pre>	0.51	~shrink-swell (limited)	U.94 	~wetness (slightly limited)	10.13	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (slightly limited)	0.19
	(moderatery rimited)		\111004/		\SITGHTOTY TIMECEU/		\very		\Sirgincry rimited/	

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44D: Clarksville	 Moderately limited ~slope (moderately limited)	0.45	 Moderately limited ~slope (moderately limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.15	 Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00	 Slightly limited ~slope (slightly limited)	0.04	 Limited ~small stones (limited) ~large stones (moderately limited) ~droughty (slightly limited)	0.96
45F: Hailey	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited)	 1.00 0.99	 very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited)	ĺ	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (very limited) ~droughty (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.37
46F: Rueter	 Very limited ~slope (very limited)	 1.00 	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.18 	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) 	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) 	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (very limited) ~droughty (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.16
Rock outcrop	 Not rated 	 	 Not rated 	 	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
55B: Britwater	 Not limited 	 	 Slightly limited ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	0.00	 Slightly limited ~slope (slightly limited)	0.15	 Not limited 		 Not limited 	

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55C: Britwater	 Slightly limited ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.15 	 Slightly limited ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.15 	 Limited ~slope (limited)	0.83	 Not limited 		 Not limited 	
57B: Lecoma	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) 	 0.45 	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~low strength (slightly limited)	 0.45 0.22	 Not limited 	
66A: Huntington	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	 1.00 	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	 1.00 	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) 	 1.00 	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~low strength (slightly limited)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited) 	0.60
76A: Racket	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~wetness (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.45 0.29	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~wetness (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	ĺ	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45 	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited) 	 0.60
81B: Viraton	 Moderately limited ~wetness (moderately limited)	 0.59 	 Very limited ~wetness (very limited) 	 1.00 	 Slightly limited ~wetness (slightly limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.28 0.15	(slightly limited)	0.28	 Slightly limited ~wetness (slightly limited)	0.28

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93A: Cedargap	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited) ~small stones (moderately limited) ~large stones (slightly limited)	1.00 0.52 0.25
95A: Kaintuck	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
96A: Sandbur	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~flooding (very limited)	1.00
99: Pits, quarries-	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
AED: Orthent	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
M-W: Water	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
W: Water	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	